

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/709,430

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment After Final Filed 11/30/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,6-12,15-21 and 29-32.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 06 December 2006
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

  
**STEPHEN MEIER**  
**SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER**

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for allowance of claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 & 9 is the inclusion of the limitations of an inkjet printer including identification module comprises a plurality of identification units, each of said plurality of identification units comprises at least a control input terminal, an output terminal and a plurality of data input terminals, said plurality of data input terminals is coupled to a corresponding one of a plurality of memory unit respectively, said control input terminal is coupled to corresponding one of said plurality of control lines, said identification units are responsive to said control signals received from said plurality of control lines for determining and outputting the content stored in at least one of said plurality of memory units via said output terminal.

The primary reason for allowance of claims 110, 11, 12 & 15 is the inclusion of the limitations of an inkjet printer including identification module includes a plurality of identification units, each of said plurality of identification units includes at least a control input terminal, an output terminal and a plurality of data input terminals, said plurality of data input terminal is coupled to a corresponding one of a plurality of memory unit respectively, said control input terminal is coupled to corresponding one of a plurality of control lines, said identification units are responsive to said control signals received from said plurality of control lines for determining and outputting a content stored in at least one of said plurality of memory units via said output terminal. It is these limitations found in each of the claims, as they are

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claimed in the combination, that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for allowance of claims 16-21 is the inclusion of the method steps being for an inkjet printer that identification unit includes: a plurality of AND gates, each of said plurality of AND gates including a plurality of AND gate input terminals and an AND gate output terminal, one of said plurality of AND gate input terminals being coupled to one of said plurality of data input terminals, the other said plurality of AND gate input terminals being coupled to said control input terminal; and a NOR gate, including a plurality of NOR gate input terminals and a NOR gate output terminal, each of said plurality of AND gate output terminals being coupled to one of said plurality of NOR gate input terminals, said NOR gate output terminal being said output terminal of said identification unit. It is these steps found in each of the claims, as they are claimed in the combination, that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for the allowance of claim 29 is the inclusion of the limitations of an inkjet printer identification circuit including plurality of control lines, control circuit, identification module with identification unit, control input terminal, output terminal, data input terminal; *data input terminal being coupled to an output of a corresponding memory unit for receiving a binary content, memory unit being externally and electrically connected to said identification unit.* It is these limitations found in each of the claims, as they are claimed in the combination, that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for the allowance of claim 30 is the inclusion of the limitations of an inkjet printer identification module including identification unit with control input terminal, output terminal and data input terminal; *data input terminal being coupled to an output of a corresponding memory unit for receiving a binary content stored in memory unit; memory unit being externally and electrically connected to said identification unit*. It is these limitations found in each of the claims, as they are claimed in the combination, that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for the allowance of claim 31 is the inclusion of the method steps for inkjet printer identification that includes content of memory unit is read from an output of said memory unit by identification unit via data input terminal; *data input terminal is electrically coupled between said memory unit and said identification unit*. It is these steps found in each of the claims, as they are claimed in the combination, that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for the allowance of claim 32 is the inclusion of the method steps for inkjet printer identification that includes reading a content stored in one or a plurality of memory units by identification unit, wherein a content of one of said plurality of memory units is read from an output of said one of said plurality of memory units and inputted into said identification unit via a data input terminal; *data input terminal is electrically coupled between said one of said plurality of memory units and said identification unit*. It is these steps found in each of the claims, as they are claimed in the combination, that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

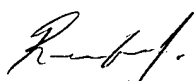
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### COMMUNICATION WITH THE USPTO

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rene Garcia, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-5980. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen D. Meier can be reached on (571) 272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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